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(Case No. MBHB03-465-B (400.138))

**IN THE APPLICATION OF:**

McSwiggen et al.	)	)
Serial No.	10/720,448	) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed:	November 24, 2003	) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Title	RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition of Gene Expression Using Chemically Modified Short Interfering Nucleic Acid	) Confirmation No.: 4875

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Dear Sir.

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Preliminary Amendment.
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  - a) A fee is not required at this time.
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Respectfully submitted,



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